## **Erie County Department of Mental Health**

### Housing Unit Safety Initial/Annual Checklist

#### **Housing Quality Standards**

The Shelter Plus Care and HUD Supportive Housing Programs require that the apartment unit meet the standards for safe, decent and sanitary housing. These standards ensure that the unit has:

- Adequate living space
- Adequate facilities and services
- Adequate light and ventilation
- No condition that can endanger the health and safety of the tenant

#### **Requirements**

Every housing unit must have at least a living room, kitchen, and bathroom. Not acceptable are shared kitchen or bathroom facilities. Generally, there must be at least one bedroom for every two household members.

Tenant Name:	Occupancy Date:
Unit Address:	
Number of Bedroor	ns: Year Built*:
Unit Rent:	Security Deposit:
Date of Inspection:	Date of Last Inspection:
	Responsibilities Checklist
The following inspe	ection checklist is divided into six sections.
The sections are:	<ol> <li>Living Room</li> <li>Kitchen</li> <li>Bathroom</li> <li>Bedrooms and Other Rooms</li> <li>Building Exterior, Plumbing, and Heating</li> <li>Health and Safety</li> </ol>

<sup>\*</sup>Structures built prior to 1/1/1978 require disclosure, problem remediation and on-going maintenance in accordance with the ECDMH policy on Lead Based Paint Requirements.

	1. Living Room	
at least two electric	est have the following: a ceiling, a floor and walls in good condition, at least one window outlets or one outlet and one permanent overhead light fixture, a lock that works on all eached from the outside, and no peeling or chipping paint if you have children under se tilt before 1978.	windows and
Component Look For: Condition		Condition
G 111	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling	Acceptable

Component	Look For:	Condition
Ceiling	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Walls	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Floor	Large cracks or holes, missing or warped floor boards or covering that could cause someone to trip.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Window(s)	Badly cracked, broken, or missing panes and window(s) that do not shut, or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a window that can be reached from the outside. Window(s) that have been nailed shut.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Door(s)	Badly cracked or broken door that does not shut or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a door that can be reached from the outside. An interior door that is used as an exterior door.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Electricity	Broken or frayed wiring, light fixtures hanging from wires with no firm support (such as a chain), missing cover plates on switches or outlets, or badly cracked switches or outlets.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Paint	Peeling or chipped paint, especially if the household has a child under seven years of age and the housing unit was built before 1978.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Weatherization	Weatherstripping around doors and windows or storm windows. Can be important if tenant pays own utilities.	□Yes □No

#### 2. Kitchen

The kitchen must have the following: a ceiling, a floor, and walls in good condition, at least one window in good condition, at least one electric outlet and one permanent light fixture, a lock that works on all windows that can be reached from the outside, no peeling or chipping paint if you have children under the age of seven and the house was built before 1978, a storage area such as cabinets to store food, a preparation area such as a counter tip to prepare food, a serving area to serve food unless there is a separate dining room area, a kitchen sink that is in good condition, and if provided by the landlord a range and refrigerator in good working order.

Component	Look For:	Condition
Ceiling	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Walls	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Floor	Large cracks or holes, missing or warped floor boards or covering that could cause someone to trip.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Window(s)	Badly cracked, broken, or missing panes and window(s) that do not shut, or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a window that can be reached from the outside. Window(s) that have been nailed shut.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Door(s)	Badly cracked or broken door that does not shut or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a door that can be reached from the outside. An interior door that is used as an exterior door.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Electricity	Broken or frayed wiring, light fixtures hanging from wires with no firm support (such as a chain), missing cover plates on switches or outlets, or badly cracked switches or outlets.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Paint	Peeling or chipped paint, especially if the household has a child under seven years of age and the housing unit was built before 1978.	Acceptable Not Acceptable

Storage Area	Storage space such as cabinets to store food. Badly cracked, broken or missing cabinet doors.	Acceptable  Not Acceptable
Preparation Area	Space to prepare food such as a kitchen counter. Badly cracked, broken or warped counter top.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Serving Area	Space to serve food. A separate dining room or dining are in the living room is acceptable.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Kitchen Sink	A kitchen sink with hot and cold running water. Leaking faucet, leaking drain pipe, or leaking water lines. Cracked or broken sink.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Range/Oven	If provided by landlord. A range and oven that is in good working order. If gas, leaky or poor hose connection and/or gas odor present.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Refrigerator	If provided by landlord. A refrigerator in good working order that keeps temperatures low enough so that food does not spoil. Poor seal that causes refrigerator to run continuously.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Weatherization	Weatherstripping around doors and windows or storm windows. Can be important if tenant pays own utilities.  3. Bath Room	□Yes □ No
The bathroom must have the following: a ceiling, a floor and walls in good condition, at least one window in good condition or an exhaust fan in good working order, at least one permanent overhead light fixture or wall light fixture, a lock that works on all windows and doors than can be reached from the outside, no peeling or chipping paint if you have children under seven and the housing unit was built before 1978, a flush toilet that works, a tub or shower that is in good condition, and a bathroom sink that is in good condition.		
Component	Look For:	Condition
Ceiling	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.	Acceptable  Not Acceptable
Walls	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.	Acceptable  Not Acceptable
Floor	Large cracks or holes, missing or warped floor boards or covering that could cause someone to trip.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Window(s)	If a window is present: Badly cracked, broken, or missing panes and window(s) that do not shut, or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a window that can be reached from the outside. Window(s) that have been nailed shut.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Door(s)	Badly cracked or broken door that does not shut or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a door that can be reached from the outside. An interior door that is used as an exterior door.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Electricity	Broken or frayed wiring, light fixtures hanging from wires with no firm support (such as a chain), missing cover plates on switches or outlets, or badly cracked switches or outlets.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Paint	Peeling or chipped paint, especially if the household has a child under seven years of age and the housing unit was built before 1978.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Exhaust Fan	If exhaust fan is present it must be in good working order. Broken or frayed wiring, or exhaust fan hanging from wires with no firm support.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Toilet	A flush toilet that flushes and does not run continuously. Badly cracked or broken bowl or tank, poor seal or loose floor setting.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Tub or Shower	A tub or shower with hot and cold running water. Leaky faucet, drainpipe, or water lines. Badly cracked or broken tub. Drain that does not drain water	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Bathroom Sink	A bathroom sink with hot and cold running water. Leaky faucet, drainpipe, or water lines. Badly cracked or broken sink. Drain that does not drain water.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
	Weatherstripping around doors and windows or storm windows. Can be important	Yes
Weatherization	if tenant pays own utilities.	No

#### 4. Bed Room(s) and Other Room(s)

The bedroom(s) and other room(s) must have the following: a ceiling, a floor and walls in good condition, at least one window in good condition, at least two electric outlets or one outlet and one permanent overhead light fixture, a lock that works on all windows and doors than can be reached from the outside, and no peeling or chipping paint if you have children under seven and the housing unit was built before 1978.

4. A	Bedroom 1	Present Not Present
Component	Look For:	Condition
Ceiling	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Walls	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Floor	Large cracks or holes, missing or warped floor boards or covering that could cause someone to trip.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Window(s)	Badly cracked, broken, or missing panes and window(s) that do not shut, or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a window that can be reached from the outside. Window(s) that have been nailed shut.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Door(s)	Badly cracked or broken door that does not shut or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a door that can be reached from the outside. An interior door that is used as an exterior door.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Electricity	Broken or frayed wiring, light fixtures hanging from wires with no firm support (such as a chain), missing cover plates on switches or outlets, or badly cracked switches or outlets.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Paint	Peeling or chipped paint, especially if the household has a child under seven years of age and the housing unit was built before 1978.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Weatherization	Weatherstripping around doors and windows or storm windows. Can be important if tenant pays own utilities.	☐Yes ☐No
4. B	Bedroom 2	Present Not Present
4. B Component	Bedroom 2  Look For:	
		Not Present
Component	Look For:  Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or	Condition  Acceptable
Component	Look For:  Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of	Condition  Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable
Component  Ceiling  Walls	Look For:  Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes, missing or warped floor boards or covering that could cause someone to trip.  Badly cracked, broken, or missing panes and window(s) that do not shut, or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a window that can be	Condition  Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable
Component  Ceiling  Walls  Floor	Look For:  Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes, missing or warped floor boards or covering that could cause someone to trip.  Badly cracked, broken, or missing panes and window(s) that do not shut, or when	Condition  Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable
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Component  Ceiling  Walls  Floor  Window(s)  Door(s)	Look For:  Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes, missing or warped floor boards or covering that could cause someone to trip.  Badly cracked, broken, or missing panes and window(s) that do not shut, or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a window that can be reached from the outside. Window(s) that have been nailed shut.  Badly cracked or broken door that does not shut or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a door that can be reached from the outside. An interior door that is used as an exterior door.  Broken or frayed wiring, light fixtures hanging from wires with no firm support (such as a chain), missing cover plates on switches or outlets, or badly cracked	Condition  Acceptable Not Acceptable Not Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable

4. C	Bedroom 3	Present Not Present
Component	Look For:	Condition
Ceiling	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Walls	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Floor	Large cracks or holes, missing or warped floor boards or covering that could cause someone to trip.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Window(s)	Badly cracked, broken, or missing panes and window(s) that do not shut, or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a window that can be reached from the outside. Window(s) that have been nailed shut.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Door(s)	Badly cracked or broken door that does not shut or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a door that can be reached from the outside. An interior door that is used as an exterior door.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Electricity	Broken or frayed wiring, light fixtures hanging from wires with no firm support (such as a chain), missing cover plates on switches or outlets, or badly cracked switches or outlets.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Paint	Peeling or chipped paint, especially if the household has a child under seven years of age and the housing unit was built before 1978.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Weatherization	Weatherstripping around doors and windows or storm windows. Can be important if tenant pays own utilities.	□Yes □No
4. D	Bedroom 4	□Present □Not Present
Component	Look For:	Condition
Component	Look For:  Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.	Condition  Acceptable  Not Acceptable
	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or	Acceptable
Ceiling	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of	Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable
Ceiling Walls	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes, missing or warped floor boards or covering that could cause	Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable
Ceiling Walls Floor	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes, missing or warped floor boards or covering that could cause someone to trip.  Badly cracked, broken, or missing panes and window(s) that do not shut, or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a window that can be reached from the outside. Window(s) that have been nailed shut.  Badly cracked or broken door that does not shut or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a door that can be reached from the outside. An interior door that is used as an exterior door.	Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable
Ceiling  Walls  Floor  Window(s)	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes, missing or warped floor boards or covering that could cause someone to trip.  Badly cracked, broken, or missing panes and window(s) that do not shut, or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a window that can be reached from the outside. Window(s) that have been nailed shut.  Badly cracked or broken door that does not shut or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a door that can be reached from the outside. An	Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable
Ceiling  Walls  Floor  Window(s)  Door(s)	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes, missing or warped floor boards or covering that could cause someone to trip.  Badly cracked, broken, or missing panes and window(s) that do not shut, or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a window that can be reached from the outside. Window(s) that have been nailed shut.  Badly cracked or broken door that does not shut or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a door that can be reached from the outside. An interior door that is used as an exterior door.  Broken or frayed wiring, light fixtures hanging from wires with no firm support (such as a chain), missing cover plates on switches or outlets, or badly cracked	Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable
Ceiling  Walls  Floor  Window(s)  Door(s)  Electricity	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes, missing or warped floor boards or covering that could cause someone to trip.  Badly cracked, broken, or missing panes and window(s) that do not shut, or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a window that can be reached from the outside. Window(s) that have been nailed shut.  Badly cracked or broken door that does not shut or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a door that can be reached from the outside. An interior door that is used as an exterior door.  Broken or frayed wiring, light fixtures hanging from wires with no firm support (such as a chain), missing cover plates on switches or outlets, or badly cracked switches or outlets.  Peeling or chipped paint, especially if the household has a child under seven years	Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable
Ceiling  Walls  Floor  Window(s)  Door(s)  Electricity  Paint	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes, missing or warped floor boards or covering that could cause someone to trip.  Badly cracked, broken, or missing panes and window(s) that do not shut, or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a window that can be reached from the outside. Window(s) that have been nailed shut.  Badly cracked or broken door that does not shut or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a door that can be reached from the outside. An interior door that is used as an exterior door.  Broken or frayed wiring, light fixtures hanging from wires with no firm support (such as a chain), missing cover plates on switches or outlets, or badly cracked switches or outlets.  Peeling or chipped paint, especially if the household has a child under seven years of age and the housing unit was built before 1978.  Weatherstripping around doors and windows or storm windows. Can be important	Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Acceptable Not Acceptable Yes
Ceiling  Walls  Floor  Window(s)  Door(s)  Electricity  Paint  Weatherization	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.  Large cracks or holes, missing or warped floor boards or covering that could cause someone to trip.  Badly cracked, broken, or missing panes and window(s) that do not shut, or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a window that can be reached from the outside. Window(s) that have been nailed shut.  Badly cracked or broken door that does not shut or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a door that can be reached from the outside. An interior door that is used as an exterior door.  Broken or frayed wiring, light fixtures hanging from wires with no firm support (such as a chain), missing cover plates on switches or outlets, or badly cracked switches or outlets.  Peeling or chipped paint, especially if the household has a child under seven years of age and the housing unit was built before 1978.  Weatherstripping around doors and windows or storm windows. Can be important if tenant pays own utilities.	Acceptable Not Acceptable Not Acceptable Not Acceptable Yes No Present

Walls	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Floor	Large cracks or holes, missing or warped floor boards or covering that could cause someone to trip.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Window(s)	Badly cracked, broken, or missing panes and window(s) that do not shut, or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a window that can be reached from the outside. Window(s) that have been nailed shut.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Door(s)	Badly cracked or broken door that does not shut or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a door that can be reached from the outside. An interior door that is used as an exterior door.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Electricity	Broken or frayed wiring, light fixtures hanging from wires with no firm support (such as a chain), missing cover plates on switches or outlets, or badly cracked switches or outlets.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Paint	Peeling or chipped paint, especially if the household has a child under seven years of age and the housing unit was built before 1978.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Weatherization	Weatherstripping around doors and windows or storm windows. Can be important if tenant pays own utilities.	☐Yes ☐No
4. F	Other Room(s) – Hall(s)	☐Present ☐Not Present
Component	Look For:	Condition
Ceiling	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Walls	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Floor	Large cracks or holes, missing or warped floor boards or covering that could cause someone to trip.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Window(s)	Badly cracked, broken, or missing panes and window(s) that do not shut, or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a window that can be reached from the outside. Window(s) that have been nailed shut.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Door(s)	Badly cracked or broken door that does not shut or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a door that can be reached from the outside. An interior door that is used as an exterior door.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Electricity	Broken or frayed wiring, light fixtures hanging from wires with no firm support (such as a chain), missing cover plates on switches or outlets, or badly cracked switches or outlets.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Paint	Peeling or chipped paint, especially if the household has a child under seven years of age and the housing unit was built before 1978.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Weatherization	Weatherstripping around doors and windows or storm windows. Can be important if tenant pays own utilities.	□Yes □No
4. G	Other Room(s) – Porch	☐Present ☐Not Present
Component	Look For:	Condition
Ceiling	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.	Acceptable  Not Acceptable
Walls	Large cracks or holes that allow drafts, severe bulging or leaning, large amounts of loose or falling surface material such as plaster.	Acceptable  Not Acceptable
Floor	Large cracks or holes, missing or warped floor boards or covering that could cause someone to trip.	Acceptable  Not Acceptable
Window(s)	Badly cracked, broken, or missing panes and window(s) that do not shut, or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a window that can be reached from the outside. Window(s) that have been nailed shut.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable

Door(s)	Badly cracked or broken door that does not shut or when shut does not keep out the weather. A lock that works on a door that can be reached from the outside. An interior door that is used as an exterior door.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Electricity	Broken or frayed wiring, light fixtures hanging from wires with no firm support (such as a chain), missing cover plates on switches or outlets, or badly cracked switches or outlets.	
Paint	Peeling or chipped paint, especially if the household has a child under seven years	
Weatherization	Weatherstripping around doors and windows or storm windows. Can be important if tenant pays own utilities.	
5. Building Exterior, Plumbing, and Heating The building must have the following: a roof in good condition that does not leak, if present gutters and downspouts in good condition, exterior walls that are in good condition, a foundation that is in good condition with no serious leaks, a chimney(s) in good condition, handrails on any lengths of stairs with four or more steps, no cracking, peeling or chipping paint if you have children under seven, and the house was built before 1978, a plumbing system that is served by an approvable public or private water supply system and sewage disposal system, pipes that are in good condition, water heater in good working order and properly installed, heating equipment in good working order that is properly installed and adequate to keep housing unit comfortably warm during winter months.		
Component	Look For:	Condition
Roof	Evidence of leaks such as stains on the inside ceiling of the building. Loose or torn shingles or any warping or depressions on the roof.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Gutters & Downspouts	Loose gutters or downspouts not securely attached to the building or in poor condition.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Exterior Walls	Large holes or cracks that would allow drafts or outside elements inside the building.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Foundation	Large cracks or holes or crumbling in the foundation or evidence of serious leaks.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Chimney(s)	Leaning or serious defects such as large cracks or missing bricks.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Paint	Crack, peeling or chipping paint especially if you have children under seven and the housing unit was built before 1978.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Heater	Heater that is in good condition and can adequately heat the housing unit during the cold winter months. Properly installed and vented to a chimney. Due to danger of carbon monoxide poisoning this is very important.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
Water Heater	Water heater that is in good working order and that is properly installed.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable
Plumbing	Pipes that are in good condition, with no leaks and no serious rust that causes the water to be discolored. A plumbing system that is served by an approvable private or public water supply and sewage disposal system.	Acceptable Not Acceptable
	Windows that open up, with screens or some working ventilation system that can	

Weatherstripping around doors and windows or storm windows. Can be important if tenant pays own utilities.

Weatherization

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Yes

□No

#### 6. Health and Safety

The building and site must have the following: an alternate means of exit in case of fire, if present elevators that are safe and work properly, an entrance form the outside or from a public hall, lights that work in all common hallways and interior stairs, interior stairs and common hallways that are in good condition, no large piles of garbage inside our outside the housing unit, no serious indoor air pollution, no sign of rodents or vermin, at least one smoke detector in good working order, for mobile homes properly installed tie downs, and a neighborhood that has no dangerous places, spaces or things.

Component	Look For:	Condition	
Fire Exit	The building must provide an alternate means of exit in case of fire, such as fire stairs or exit through windows, with the use of a ladder if windows are above the second floor.	Acceptable Not Acceptable	
Elevator	If elevator is present it must be safe and work properly.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable	
Entrance	An entrance from the outside or from a public hall, so that it is not necessary to go through another tenant's unit to get into the unit.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable	
Lights	Lights that work in all common hallways and interior stairs. No frayed or loose wiring, or light fixtures hanging from wires with no firm support.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable	
Interior Stairs & Hallways	Interior stairs with rails if there are four or more steps. Hallways that are safe and in good condition. Badly cracked steps, loose handrails, walls, floors, and ceilings that are in poor condition.	Acceptable Not Acceptable	
Garbage Area	A space to store garbage (until pickup) that is covered tightly so that rats and other animals cannot get into it.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable	
Indoor Air Pollution	No serious air pollution such as exhaust fumes, or sewer gas.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable	
Rodents and/or Vermin	No sign of rats or large number of mice or vermin such as roaches.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable	
Smoke Detector	At least one smoke detector that is good working order. Press test button. (Multiple dwellings require hardwire installation)	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable	
Tie Downs	For mobile homes, must have tie downs that are securely attached.	Acceptable Not Acceptable	
Neighborhood	No dangerous places, spaces, or things such as nearby buildings that are falling down, unprotected cliffs or quarries, fire hazards, or evidence of flooding.	☐ Acceptable ☐ Not Acceptable	

# **Erie County Department of Mental Health**

## Follow Up to Housing Unit Safety Initial/Annual Checklist

Please complete this form for any problems noted in the Housing Unit Safety Initial/Annual Checklist.

**Repairs Checklist** 

		Repair
Repair Noted from Initial/Annual Checklist	Location/Room	Completed
		□Yes
1.		□No
		Yes
2.		□No
		□Yes
3.		□No
		Yes
4.		□No
		□Yes
5.		□No
		□Yes
6.		□No
_		Yes
7.		No
		Yes
8.		No
		Yes
9.		No
10		Yes
10.		□No
Have all repairs been completed by the repair date, as agreed upon dur	ring the last inspection?	
Yes No	-	
Staff Signature	Date	